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SUBJECT: REQUESTED ASSESSMENT OF REFUGEE SITUATION IN EASTERN
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1. GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE AND RAPIDITY OF THE RWANDAN REFUGEE INFLUX INTO TANZANIA, MOST OF THE REPORTING AND WORLD PRESS ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON TANZANIA IN RECENT DAYS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNHCR HAS MOVED THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM DISPATCHED TO GOMA TO WESTERN TANZANIA TO HELP COPE WITH THE REFUGEE EMERGENCY THERE. OUR OWN ADVANCE ELEMENT (FARNSWORTH/MESERVE) OF A DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM WILL ALSO BE FOCUSING ON THE TANZANIA EMERGENCY INITIALLY. (FYI. THE FARNSWORTH/MESERVE TEAM WILL LIKELY VISIT ZAIRE LATER THIS MONTH, BUT HAS SCHEDULED URGENT ASSESSMENTS IN TANZANIA, UGANDA, BURUNDI, AND HOPEFULLY RWANDA ITSELF BEFORE ZAIRE. END FYI.) WHILE REPORTING FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS HAS MOST HELPFULLY PASSED ON NEWS OF UNHCR, ICRC, WFP, AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, WE

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BELIEVE A FIRST-HAND ASSESSMENT IS NEEDED. IN ORDER TO
ROUND OUT QUICKLY OUR CURRENT PICTURE OF REFUGEES FROM
THE RWANDA CRISIS, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY/KINSHASA
TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT VISIT TO THE EASTERN BORDER AREA,
FROM UVIRA TO GOMA.

2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN:
- THE PROTECTION ASPECTS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE BORDER
IS OPEN (ON BOTH SIDES) TO WOULD-BE REFUGEES;
 - ADEQUACY OF CURRENT ASSISTANCE EFFORTS AND WHETHER
THERE IS A FIRM, REALISTIC PIPELINE OF RELIEF SUPPLIES,
PARTICULARLY FOOD;
 - STATE OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR ADDITIONAL INFLUXES
OF RWANDAN AND/OR BURUNDI REFUGEES;
 - THE IMPACT OF NEW REFUGEES ON EXISTING ETHNIC TENSIONS
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IN ZAIRE;
-- A COMPLETE A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF ALL OF THE PLAYERS
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES; AND
-- QUALITY OF COORDINATION AMONG THE PLAYERS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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